

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 797

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Al Miller upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful individuals who, through their exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Al Miller, who has attained remarkable success during his illustrious career in the estimable sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the sport of wrestling, Mr. Miller was recently inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Al Miller also received the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award, which was given in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Al Miller began wrestling in 1964 as a student at Red Bank Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-nine year coaching career at Cleveland High School, Coach Miller has led the Blue Raiders to 366 wins and multiple state titles, winning the TSSAA State Traditional Wrestling Title in 1980 and 1994 and claiming the TSSAA Small School Dual Wrestling Title in 1992, 1993, and 1994; and

WHEREAS, a tireless contributor to and supporter of wrestling, Mr. Miller founded the Cleveland Duals in 1985, which is Tennessee's oldest in-season dual tournament; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous competitor and astute coach, Al Miller has taken numerous junior wrestling squads to six different countries to gain international wrestling experience, and he has also taken junior wrestling squads to fourteen states for the United States Junior Nationals; and

WHEREAS, a true leader, Al Miller has served as President of the Tennessee State Wrestling Coaches Association and Chairman of the Tennessee Wrestling Federation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller has demonstrated the utmost talent, ability, and professionalism throughout his outstanding career in the sport of wrestling; he exemplifies the tireless commitment and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Al Miller for his honorable and astute service to the sport of wrestling and the youth of Tennessee, and we congratulate him upon being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and receiving the 2005 Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.